

SJBCH BOD Meeting Minutes

Date: 3-11-2024 Time: 6:00 PM Place: United Methodist Church

Board Members in Attendance: John Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Ron Toland, Donna Fait, JoAnn Senzig, Katie Betts, Randy Betts, Jenavieve Betts, Rocky Day, Janie Gray, Gabe and Elle Condelaria. Zoom attendance: Allan Netzer.

Meeting Called to Order: John Nelson at 6:00 PM

Secretary Report: Katie Betts- February 12, 2023 meeting minutes reviewed, motion to approve by Gabe Candelaria, seconded by Donna Fait. All present in favor.

Treasurer Report: Allan Netzer- Ron Toland motioned to approve the January treasurer's report; seconded by Donna Fait. All present in favor.

Trails Committee Report: Ron Toland Board liability insurance, Farmers got a quote for us of \$658 a year for litigation and damages of (\$500k), discussion of General liability insurance and it not making sense for our group which would include paying medical bills. The policy will cover the BOD in the case of something accidental, insurance won't cover anything that is criminally wrong. Gabe doesn't see that we are doing the level of work that would make sense for this type of policy. John stated, if we were to hire a private crew, we would enter into a business agreement with them to ensure they have their own insurance in place. There is a law that volunteers can not be held responsible as long as they are working as a volunteer within their scope. John doesn't want to set the precedent Nationwide by obtaining insurance. Randy Betts motions to defer the decision to obtain BOD insurance and Rocky Day seconded to not obtain BOD insurance at this time, all 11 present in favor of deferring the decision on the BOD insurance.

Training update, chainsaw and crosscut training slots available, Ron will reach out to the group to see how many are interested. He will encourage someone who hasn't had training to go with someone who is trained to see how much they'll use it in the future. Ron has left 2 voicemails for the EMS person that was willing to schedule a private class for us, and hasn't heard back yet. Ron will keep trying.

March 4th meeting with the trails council involved a lot of groups asking for more... atv, bikes, etc. Josh Peck decided we need some sort of vision for the community, so they gave an example from the Chafe County plan development, which is something that is coordinated to find out which direction they want to go. Josh is looking for a facilitator for a similar report whole will meet with groups, commissioners, town, etc. for input. The Chafe report really voices everyone's opinion. Ron has some reservations about being on the PATC board, they don't really say what they're about, don't have regular board meetings. Ron thinks maybe each individual group should advocate for themselves. Josh Peck, district ranger, says he thinks if something new is built something else will have to be given up, there isn't enough room for everything for everyone. Can't be all things for all people. They are planning on kicking off the planning process this summer. 2 additional priorities for Josh Peck are the Over the snow travel plan as well as the East Fork management plan. The Forest Service has no responsibility to accommodate to local groups. John Nelson believes what is going to come out of this plan is going to include a non motorized trail plan as well as a motorized trail system. If you have an opinion, put it out there. We need to ensure our voices are heard. SCORP is one of those entities that listens. They have

to have a plan in place or they don't get National dollars, fill out the questionnaire to ensure our voice is heard.

March 7th meeting with Tyler with Forest Service, John, Lisa and Ron attended, advising Forest Service that we have money, the will, and the potential contractors to go do treadwork. Tyler finally came up with a project for Fish Lake trail, they'll spend 3 to 5 days opening up to a larger project next year. They asked for camp support, to make it more of a fun event for those involved. Ron talked to potential local contractors, Cody Shahan is interested in doing trail work on a fee basis. Forest Service seems willing to train with the expectation that they will come back over years. Amish did Wiminuche Trail, Tyler is interested in getting them involved again. Ron called Tanner Dutton and Lisa McClur, Tanner said to sign them up on a volunteer agreement, they don't care about being paid, we can pay for their travel expenses and we can start putting them onto bigger projects. Lisa said they are interested in doing it, because of their religion and responsibility they only want to go out for a few days at a time but they get a tremendous amount of work done. Forest Service wanted to know if any other BCH groups had hired a contractor to do this trail work. BCH is meeting tonight and we should hear back soon to answer that question. Tanner said if the cost is less than \$2500, he just pays for it, there's a lot that comes into question with that scenario.

Membership Committee: Janie Gray Getting a lot of renewals. She's been sending out notes to people she knew or thought would renew. 77 members.

Social Committee: Position still needs filled. Chris Boyd does police type training, situational awareness. Doug Purcell with Parks and Wildlife. Tentatively, we are waiting until May to have another meeting that is a Spring oriented meeting.

Fund Raising: Ron Tolan \$6,600 has been donated this year. Gabe and Elle got a \$500 youth grant.

Communication Report: Lisa Brochures are here, take some if you can put them out. Invoice came to \$257.30. Monthly newsletter will go out early because we don't have a general meeting this month. Website issues, long story short, our search engine is an issue. Web designer has been our host and designer, she's trying to get out of the hosting portion. There is an IT specialist we've received an estimate from. We have been paying \$180 per year for hosting and \$100 per year for monthly maintenance. \$240 per year with new guy and he'll manage domain name for \$24 per year. There May be a \$75 scrubbing fee from Jim. Motion to move to change website to alternative for up to \$350 made by Ron Toland, Katie Betts seconded, every one present in favor.

Volunteer Hours: Donna 21 hours have been turned in so far, but she is missing hours for creating the brochure, meetings and youth grant work.

Old Business: PATC group met and painted signs 2 weeks ago, meeting again a week from Thursday, March 21st. Guy was able to make a whole new sign for up on West Fork. Pulled some of the sign in boxes to rebuild.

New Business: Ron sent out an email poll of the board to increase due \$5 in 2025, passed with overwhelming support. We may want to also raise our local dues. Gabe suggests we should have a budget. Look at expenditures to ensure the amount we take in from donors is going to trail work, vs. money used for admin costs. Allan will create an analysis of last year's expenditures to see how the future expenses will look.

Next Meeting: April 8th, 2024

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:19 by Lisa Nelson, second by Allan.